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FOR CIVIL AVIATION BOARD

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SUBJ: HOUSTON-UAE CARGO PASSENGER CHARTER SERVICE

1. ABU DHABI DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON CONSTELLATION AIR SERVICE (CAS), A CHARTER AIRLINE OPERATING OUT OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. SPECIFICALLY, DIRCIVAIR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF CAB HAS APPROVED APPLICATION FOR CAS TO FLY THRICE WEEKLY CHARTER SERVICE TO UAE WITH CARGO OUTBOUND WHICH WOULD INCLUDE STOWED SEATS FOR FIFTY PASSENGERS. LATTER (MAINLY OIL RIG ROTATING CREWS) WOULD BE PICKED UP IN ABU DHABI FOR RETURN FLIGHT ALONG WITH ANY RETURN CARGO. DIRCIVAIR BELIEVES SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS -- UNLESS, OF COURSE, CAS INTENDS TO CARRY REQUIRED CABIN CREW AND MEET ALL REGULATIONS FOR PASSENGER SERVICE ON CHARTER BASIS.

2. REASON FOR URGENCY OF REQUEST IS FACT BOARD OF AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES (BAR) IN ABU DHABI ARE UP IN ARMS AGAINST SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IF THIS IS IN FACT WHAT CAS PLANS TO DO. EMBASSY CIVAIR REPORTING OFFICER HAD BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH MR. BRUCE WALTERS WHO HAS ONE THIRD SHARE IN SCHEME; WALTERS DESCRIBED OPERATION HE PLANNED TO PUT TOGETHER WITH CAS MUCH AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. HE SAID CAS HAD ALREADY ARRANGED LOCAL PARTNERS FOR
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A DUBAI LEG (WE UNDERSTAND TWICE WEEKLY,) AND THEY ARE IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT FOR SEPARATE LANDINGS IN ABU DHABI. WALTERS CLAIMED HOUSTON-DUBAI ROUTE WOULD BE FLOWN BY LONG RANGE 707 MAKING ONE STOP EACH WAY, PROBABLY IN MADRID. THEY EXPECTED FIRST TO OPERATE TO DUABI, AND THEN HOPED TO BEGIN ANOTHER OPERATION OF ONE OR TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK TOMABU DHABI FROM HOUSTON. THEY WOULD REQUIRE DIFFERENT

SET OF LOCAL PARTNERS IN ABU DHABI. AS PART OF PROCESS OF OBTAINING LATTER, WALTERS APPARENTLY ALSO IS ATTEMPTING TO LINE UP BULK CHARTER BUSINESS IN ABU DHABI WHICH BROUGHT CAS PLANS TO ATTENTION OF ABU DHABI BAR WHO HAVE NOW COMPLAINED.

3. COMPLAINT IS NOT AGAINST DIRECT HOUSTON-UAE PASSENGER SERVICE (BRANIFF, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE MORE THAN WELCOME; UAE BADLY WANTS TO SEE U.S. CARRIER LAND HERE), BUT AGAINST POSSIBLY ILLEGAL CARGO-PASSENGER CONFIGURATION WHICH APPEARS TO BE CIRCUMVENTING CABIN CREW REQUIREMENTS. WOULD APPRECIATE CAB INFO ON CAS PLANS AS OUTLINED IN LICENCING REQUEST, AND WHETHER UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE APPROVAL WOULD STILL BE GRANTED FOR SUCH A CONFIGURATION. ANY BACKGROUND ON CAS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.
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